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OSA NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

AND

CHRONOLOGY FOR MISSION [REDACTED]

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1. The Control Center is the focal point of all intended missions from start to completion and/or cancellation. All maps, messages, directives and information pertinent to the mission are maintained here during the mission. The Control Center is manned continuously during an operation. All briefings from pre-alert through Go-No-Go are recorded on tape and retained for a period of 45 days.

2. Weather briefings are held daily whenever outstanding target requirements remain and approvals for missions have been received. Approximately 36 hours prior to a proposed mission, a complete weather briefing and order of battle discussion is held in the Control Center. These meetings are attended by the Assistant Director, OSA, or his authorized representative, along with Operations Officers of the IDEALIST program. If conditions are favorable, the necessary alert messages are sent. (Attachment D) After the weather briefing, the IDEALIST Operations Division informs the Control Center personnel of the time of the Mission Plan Briefing. Eighteen hours prior to take-off, the weather is checked again. A decision is then made to continue, delay or cancel. In the event of a delay or cancellation, the Control Center will send the required messages and make the required telephone notifications. (Attachment E) Four hours prior to take-off, a Go-No-Go briefing is held. The weather and the existing requirements are again checked. The Assistant Director, OSA, or his authorized representative, then makes the decision to go, delay or cancel. Messages are sent and telephone notifications are made. (Attachment F)

3. The Control Center has checklists that are completed by either sending messages or making telephone notifications and logging them, i.e., Take-off/Landing Checklist (Attachment G) and Abort/Emergency Checklist (Attachment H). In the event of an emergency, the first person notified (IDEALIST Operations Duty Officer) will direct the Operations Supervisor on duty of continued notifications.

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4. A complete listing of notification responsibilities of the Operations Supervisor on duty for IDEALIST missions is attached.

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LISTING OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A" - Definitions of key words

Attachment "B" - Control Center SOP #1 - IDEALIST  
Mission Message Notification

Attachment "C" - Control Center SOP #2 - IDEALIST  
Mission Telephone Notification

Attachment "D" - TACKLE Alert Checklist

Attachment "E" - TACKLE Cancel/Delay Checklist

Attachment "F" - GO-NO-GO Checklist

Attachment "G" - Departure and Landing Checklist

Attachment "H" - Abort/Emergency Checklist

Attachment "I" - Mission Plan Checklist

Attachment "J" - Entries in Control Center Log Book

Attachment "K" - Control Center SOP #12 - IDEALIST  
Mission Emergency Notification

Attachment "L" - Attachment to Control Center SOP #12

Attachment "M" - TACKLE/Mission  Checklist

Attachment "N" - Statement by

Attachment "O" - Statement by

Attachment "P" - Statement by

Attachment "Q" - Message sent December 1963

Attachment "R" - Memorandum: AD/OSA, Subj: OSA Overflight  
Mission Approvals

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